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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:	)	<b>CONFIRMATION NO.: 6783</b>
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<b>Hideo SHITE</b>	)	
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U.S. Serial No.: 10/538,727	)	Group Art Unit: 1792
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Filed: June 13, 2005	)	Examiner: Kirsten Jolley

For: COATING PROCESS APPARATUS AND COATING FILM FORMING METHOD

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

A response to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2008 was due by October 25, 2008, which was on a Saturday. Therefore, please accept this Response as timely filed. The Action required restriction between two Groups of patentably distinct inventions and two patentably distinct species of the claimed invention.

Applicant hereby elects without traverse Group I of claims 1-14 drawn to a coating apparatus and Species (a) related to Fig. 5, for examination in this application. Claims 1-13 of the Group I claims all read on Fig. 5. Claims 1 and 15 are noted as being generic relative to both species (a) and (b).

It is submitted that this application now is in condition for examination on the merits and early action in that regard is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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